

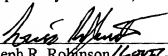
REMARKS

Claims 22, 23 and 24 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 25-30 are added to restore the subject matter claimed in claims 22, 23 and 24 that was removed as a result of the amendment. The amendment is made to reduce filing fees and not for any other reason related to patentability of such claims. No new matter is added by this amendment.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. According, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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